

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 6 as shown below:

Add new claims 11 - 22.

1. (withdrawn) A tie-down rail for securing cargo in a pick-up truck made by extruding an aluminum billet through a die, said extrusion having a tubular shaped upper portion, a substantially vertical adjoining downward extending planar wall portion, and an adjoining inward extending horizontal flange portion hollow cylindrical upper portion; cutting said extrusion to a specified length; stamping a plurality of openings in said downward extending wall portion for receiving a rope, strap or bungee cord; and providing a plurality of apertures in said inward extending horizontal flange portion for attaching said tie-down rail to said pick-up truck.

2. (withdrawn) The tie-down rail recited in claim 1 wherein said holes in said inward extending flange portion are drilled.

3. (withdrawn) The tie-down rail recited in claim 1 wherein said holes in said inward extending flange portion are stamped.

4. (withdrawn) The tie-down rail recited in claim 1 wherein said cut extrusion has opposite downward inclined end portions.

5. (withdrawn) The tie-down rail recited in claim 1 further comprising anodizing

said rail after said holes are provided in said inward extending lower flange portion.

6. (currently amended) A tie-down rail for securing a cargo in a pick-up truck comprising a long slender one-piece extruded body having a length for extending said rail along a substantial portion of a side of a pick-up truck cargo box, said body having a cylindrical tubular shaped upper portion, a substantially vertical adjoining downward extending wall portion, said downward extending wall portion having a series of apertures for receiving a rope, strap or bungee cord, and an adjoining inward extending horizontal flange portion, said inward extending flange portion having a series of apertures for attaching said tie-down rail to said pick-up truck.

7. (withdrawn) A tie-down rail for securing cargo in a pick-up truck made by extruding an aluminum billet through a die, said extrusion having a tubular shaped upper portion, a substantially vertical adjoining downward extending planar wall portion, and an adjoining inward extending horizontal flange portion; cutting said extrusion to form a tie-down rail with downward inclined ends to a specified length; stamping apertures in said downward extending wall portion for receiving a rope, strap or bungee cord; and drilling apertures in said lower inward extending flange portion for attaching said tie-down rail to said pick-up truck.

8. (withdrawn) A tie-down rail for securing cargo in a pick-up truck made by extruding an aluminum billet through a die, said extrusion having a vertical adjoining

downward extending planar wall portion; severing said extrusion to a specified length; and stamping apertures in said downward extending wall portion for receiving a rope, strap or bungee cord.

9. (withdrawn) The tie-down rail recited in claim 8 wherein said extrusion is severed to said specified length by sawing.

10. (withdrawn) The tie-down rail recited in claim 8 wherein said extrusion is severed to said specified length by laser cutting.

11. (new) A tie-down rail for securing a cargo in a pick-up truck comprising a long slender one-piece body having a length for extending said rail along a substantial portion of a side of a pick-up truck cargo box, said body having a closed tubular shaped upper portion, a substantially vertical adjoining downward extending wall portion, and an adjoining inward extending horizontal flange portion.

12. (new) The tie-down rail as recited in claim 11 further comprising a series of apertures in said downward extending wall portion for receiving a rope, strap or bungee cord.

13. (new) The tie-down rail as recited in claim 11 wherein said tubular shaped upper portion is a cylindrical tubular portion.

14. (new) The tie-down rail as recited in claim 11 further comprising a series of apertures in said downward extending wall portion for receiving a rope, strap or bungee cord.

15. (new) The tie-down rail as recited in claim 14 wherein said apertures in said downward extending wall portion are rectangular apertures.

16. (new) The tie-down rail as recited in claim 11 wherein said long slender one-piece body is an aluminum extruded body.

17. (new) The tie-down rail as recited in claim 11 further comprising a series of apertures in said inward extending flange portion for attaching said tie-down rail to said pick-up truck.

18. (new) The tie-down rail as recited in claim 17 wherein said apertures in said inward extending flange portion are for attaching said rail to stake holes in a cargo box side panel.

19. (new) The tie-down rail as recited in claim 18 further comprising a plurality of rubber bushings, flat washers, bolts and nuts for attaching said tie-down rail to said stake holes.

20. (new) The tie-down rail as recited in claim 17 further comprising a plurality of bolts and nuts for attaching said tie-down rail to said pick-up truck.

21. (new) The tie-down rail recited in claim 11 wherein said long slender one-piece body has opposite downward inclined end portions.

22. (new) A pair of identical tie-down rails for securing a cargo in a pick-up truck, each of said rails comprising a long slender extruded aluminum one-piece body having a length for extending said rail along a substantial portion of a side of a pick-up truck cargo box, said body having a tubular shaped upper portion, a substantially vertical adjoining downward extending wall portion, a means for receiving a rope, strap or bungee cord; and a means for attaching said tie-down rail to said pick-up truck.